

## **REUNION OF THE 1994 BATCH**

The reunion of the Silver Jubilarians i.e. 1993-1994 batch was held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 on the School Campus.

The process was initiated in the month of March 2019 with an invitation from the Principal, for which the Silver Jubilarians responded generously. A Core Committee consisting of Mr. Rahul Kochhar, Mr. Linu Varghese Thomas, Mr. Satish Sutatti, Mr. Nilesh Laddad, Mr. Vishal Kastiya, Mr. Janak Nabar, Mr. Ravi Chabbria, Capt. Vikram Sanghra, Mr. Kishore Keswani, Mr. Santosh Dawara and Dr. Sacheen Khirid from Pune coordinated with the school and their batchmates relentlessly.

It was impressive to see the enthusiasm and eagerness they have displayed in preparing themselves for the event. Some of them took the time out to make a short trip from other countries to be with their batchmates.

It was a wonderful sight to see almost fifty of them descend on the school campus on 11<sup>th</sup> December in the school uniform. After a brief meeting with the Principal and breakfast in the Harding Hall the contingent was led to the Jeejeebhoy Ground as Guests of Honour at the Junior School Sports Meet. The meet was opened by Mrs. Lorna Roberts. Mr. Vivek Makhija took the Guard of Honour on behalf of the Silver Jubilarians. Col. Simant Upadhyay delivered a rousing message to the students, parents and well-wishers present for the Sports Meet.

This was followed by the Unveiling Ceremony of the bust of Late Mr. B.W. Roberts, former Principal. The bust was donated to the school by the jubilarians as a mark of their respect and reverence to their Principal. It was truly commendable to see that each of them contributed for the bust. This was sculpted by Mr. Chetan Vaity, ably supported by his wife Snehal Vaity.

The bust was formally unveiled by Mrs. Roberts, at an impressive ceremony in the presence of the local Governing Body Members, Principals of Camp, Kalyaninagar and Undri, special invitees, former teachers and non-teaching staff. She was ably assisted by Mr. Joel Edwin, Principal and Mr. Satish Sutatti, Mr. Rahul Kochhar and Mr. Vishal Kastiya.

Mr. Linu Varghese Thomas represented the Jubilarians in paying tribute to their beloved Principal recalling their best memories of student life under his tutelage. Mrs. Roberts expressed her gratitude to the jubilarians for their generous gesture and their love, followed by Mr. Michael Guzder, who recounted his fond memories of Mr. Roberts, under whom he served as Headmaster. It is worth mentioning that Mr. Michael Guzder, made a dash from Dubai just to be present for the reunion with the students whom he had mentored.

This initiative and hard work to get the bust sculpted and installed at the school by the 1993-1994 batch, will be embedded in the history of the school, in the years to come.

It was noteworthy to see the love for their teachers as some of the jubilarians went personally to each teacher and invited them for the function. The teachers were felicitated during lunch with a personalized photo-frame.

The have also felicitated around sixteen support members in the Harding Hall, who had served them during their school days, presenting each of them with a household gift. This thoughtful gesture demonstrated their appreciation towards the support staff.

The school felicitated the jubilarians with a Sash, History Book, School Tie, Belt, House Cap, a specially designed T-shirt and a Lapel Pin.

The reunion concluded with lunch and a tour of the school.

A word of gratitude to the group of Junior College students who spent the whole day looking after the needs of the jubilarians and also serving as their guides.

On 12<sup>th</sup> December, the jubilarians joined the Senior School Sports Meet, with an impressive march-past and also took part in the 4 x 100 m relay.

We are sure, the parents and all those who were present on these two days will be proud to be associated with the school, which has produced such thorough gentlemen.

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